



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 351

Hearing Date: February 23, 2005
Committee On: Natural Resources

Introducer(s): (Preister)

Title: Change membership provisions on the Environmental Quality Council

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
X Advanced to General File with Amendments
Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

8	Yes	Senators Hudkins, Kopplin, Kremer, Loudon, McDonald, Schrock, Smith, Stuhr
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Don Preister
Wes Sheets
Tony Provost
Judy M. gaiashkibos
Camellia Watkins
Cecilia Olivarez Huerta
Jarel Vinduska
Danielle Nantkes
Jim Knopik

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Division, Izaak Walton League
Omaha Nation
Commission on Indian Affairs
Nebraska Chapter, Sierra Club
Nebraska Mexican American Commission
Self
Nebraska Appleseed Center
Self

Opponents:

Michael Kelsey
Alice Licht

Representing:

Nebraska Cattlemen
Nebraska Agri-Business Association

Neutral:

Mike Mostek
Loran Schmit

Representing:

Nebraska Industrial Council on the Environment
Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 351 adds two additional members to the Environmental Quality Council:

- 1) a public environmental health professional; and
- 2) a biologist

It removes the at-large member once that person's term has expired, and requires a representative of minority populations or low income persons to replace the at-large representative requirement. The Governor is to appoint these new members within 90 days after the effective date of this act.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendment strikes the reference to "low income persons" but retains the representative of minority populations to replace the at-large position on the Environmental Quality Council. It also strikes the addition of a public environmental health professional to the Council but retains the addition of a biologist to the Council. The rest of the committee amendment just strikes unnecessary language.

Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson